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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
Wishing Arizona a Happy Centennial

"On February 14, 2012, Arizona will celebrate the most historic and significant milestone of its statehood.

"It's hard to believe it has been exactly one century since President Taft's signature declared Arizona the 48th and last contiguous state in the Union. Many people doubted that our remote Western territory would ever grow into a thriving state – renowned for its cultural and natural beauty, high quality of life and remarkable economic and educational opportunities.

"But if one thing is certain, it is that Arizonans are determined. Our people are Western strong. With the Centennial upon us, let us proudly celebrate the obstacles we have overcome, the progress we have made and the opportunities we have created over the past 100 years. Let us also celebrate the years still to come. There is a bright future that awaits.

"May God continue to bless and protect you and your families, our 100-year-old State of Arizona and the United States of America."

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